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IMPORT OF SPICES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether spices are being imported every year in large quantity;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the quantity imported during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to give subsidy and other incentive to spices growers to enhance their production in order to curtail import expenditure; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b): The details of import of spices are given as under-

Year	Value(Lakhs)	Quantity(MT)
2002-03	58873.11	121366
2003-04	56363.72	126235
2004-05	54023.93	99100
2005-06 (estimated)	51540.50	84500

Foreign trade regime has ensured access to imports which are essential for meeting the requirements of exports, domestic consumption, growth and development.

(c)&(d) :The assistance are provided for enhancing spices production under National Horticulture Mission on following aspects :

1. Production of planting material

2. Establishment of new garden

3. Rejuvenation/replacement of senile plantation.

4. Protected cultivation

5. Promotion of IPM/organic farming

6. HRD including horticulture institutes

7. Technology dissemination

8. Post Harvest Management

9. Processing and value addition